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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ORDERS

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S.R.O. 2175-A.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-clause (xi) of clause (a) of section 2 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955), the Central Government hereby declares the following commodities to be essential commodities for the purposes of the said Act, namely:—

- (1) Non-ferrous metals.
- (2) Organic heavy chemicals.
- (3) Inorganic heavy chemicals.
- (4) Cinema films (Raw).

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S.R.O. 2175-B.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955), the Central Government hereby directs that every person engaged in the supply or distribution of, or trade and commerce in, any essential commodity specified in column (1) of the Table below who, on the 30th day of June, 1957, holds any stocks of such commodity exceeding the limit specified in corresponding entry in column (2) of the said Table shall, on or before the 8th day of July, 1957, furnish to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, information regarding the quantity of the stocks so held by him.

TABLE

(1) <i>Essential commodity</i>	2 <i>Limit of quantity</i>
Aluminium (ingots, blocks, slabs and wire bars)	.. 1 ton
Copper (ingots, slabs wire bars and blocks)	.. 1 ton
Lead (ingots and pig)	.. 1 ton
Mercury	.. 75 lbs.
Nickel (Pallets and shots)	.. 5 cwt.
Zinc (ingots, slabs and blocks)	.. 1 ton
Sulphur	.. 5 tons
Cinematograph films (not exposed)	.. 5,000 ft.

Every such person shall, after the said date, irrespective of the quantity of the stocks of the essential commodity held by him, furnish to the said Ministry of Commerce & Industry, within seven days of the close of each month a monthly statement, showing—

- (a) the quantity of stocks of the essential commodity held by him on the first of the month;

- (b) particulars of the stocks, namely, value (for imports CIF value), the name of supplier, and the country of origin of each consignment of the essential commodity received during the month;
- (c) details of sale transactions, namely, the name and address of each party to whom the essential commodity was sold, the quantity sold and the price charged; and
- (d) the balance of the stocks held at the end of the month.

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